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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 23, 2012, that the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) received on September 24, 2012. In your FOIA request, you wished to obtain "copy of pending petitions."

The OFA has many documents available on its Internet webpage. We encourage you to visit this site as certain reports are regularly updated. One such document, "List of Petitioners by State" will provide you a list of all petitioning groups that have sought the Federal acknowledgment process under 25 CFR Part 83. Each group is assigned a control number and the date when the Department received the group's first submitted required letter of intent to file its petition is noted (the higher the petition number gives the indication of how recently the Department received a group's letter of intent). This "List of Petitioners by State" can be found at:

<http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xofa/documents/text/idc-020619.pdf>

Nonetheless, we are providing you, at your request, a hard copy of this report under FOIA. For those groups that the Department has taken final action, please note that the effective dates of whether the group was acknowledged or denied Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe. If not such date is given, then the group is still pending before the Department.

Since you are considered an "other requestor," the cost is broken down as follows: 15 minutes of search time, at no charge to you; no review time; and the duplication of 51 pages at \$0.13 per page (\$6.63), with the first 100 pages at no charge to you. The total cost is \$6.63. The fee for providing copies of these 51 pages or \$6.63 is less than \$30. Therefore, you are not being charged for any of the costs in accordance with 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

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